

**FREMONT LANDFILL**  
Fremont, Steuben County, IN  
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**Site Location and Description**

This property is bounded by Coffin Street on the west, Pearl Street on the north, Broad Street on the east, and Water Street on the South.

Zip Code: 46737

**Site Uses and Past Activities**

This site was a gravel pit until the 1920s, when the Town of Fremont began use of the property as a garbage landfill. Around 1960, the property was used only for disposing of brush and other Town refuse. Between 1992 and 1993, the Town of Fremont cleared the area and fenced the site, and it has been vacant since that time.

**Contaminants and Impacts**

IDEM has received and reviewed reports from Phase I and Phase II sampling activities at this site. More recently, a Site Characterization and Sampling Plan Report was reviewed by IDEM staff.

**Lead Agency**

IDEM in conjunction with the Indiana Development Finance Authority

**Community Concerns**

The Town of Fremont has held several public meetings to discuss the Brownfields Program.

**Actions Taken**

A Brownfields Site Assessment Grant was awarded to the Town of Fremont by the Indiana Development Finance Authority in September 1998. The awarded funding will help address environmental conditions at the property and potential liabilities.

*Reuse and Redevelopment*

Several parties have expressed interest in development of the property for housing (*Habitat for Humanity*) or industrial purposes. Both opportunities would allow the land to become a productive part of the community and would help stabilize the surrounding area.



**Current Status**

The city of Fremont, in light of the findings of the Site Characterization Report have decided not to donate the site to *Habitat for Humanity*. The presence of lead in the soil, which may be adverse to human health, was a major factor in this decision. Consequently, the most current plan is to fence the site as it had been in years past, while other redevelopment efforts are being considered.

**Future Actions**

The site is zoned as business and there are other possible uses for the site. As new site uses are presented to the Brownfields Program, IDEM staff will review any future assessment documents submitted to the State to ensure environmental objectives are met and continue to discuss future steps necessary to facilitate the Town of Fremont's redevelopment efforts.

**Cost Estimates**

Amount of grant awarded: \$38,150

**For More Information**

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